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SUBJECT: CROWN PRINCE HASSAN PLANS

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1. MISSION WAS AWARE OF CROWN PRINCE'S TENTATIVE TRAVEL PLANS SINCE HE MENTIONED THEM TO SIMMONS FEW WEEKS AGO. WE HAD NOT INFORMED DEPT SINCE THEY WERE NEITHER FIRM OR WELL DEFINED. HIS PLANS ARE STILL TENTATIVE. HOWEVER, HE WILL PROBABLY NOT LEAVE BEFORE SOMETIME IN APRIL.

2. SIMMONS AND TEMPLETON DID MEET WITH PRINCE PARTLY TO DISCUSS CONCLUSIONS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS TEAM AND PARTLY TO REVIEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES MORE BROADLY. PRINCE'S ATTENTION IS CURRENTLY FOCUSED TO CONSIDERABLE EXTENT ON REFUGEE PROBLEM AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS. HE INDICATED HE IS CONCERNED THAT IN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS THERE IS DANGER THAT POORLY THOUGHT OUT--OR EVEN WILD--SCHEMES FOR DISPOSITION OF REFUGEES WILL BE PROPOSED AND HE WISHES TO BE PREPARED TO COUNTER WITH MORE REALISTIC AND PRACTICAL APPROACH.

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STAFF WORK FOR THE PRINCE ON THIS SUBJECT IS NOT BEING

DONE BY GOJ AGENCIES, BUT RATHER BY INFORMAL WORKING GROUP HE HAS SET UP. INDEED, PRINCE REQUESTED THAT WE NOT DISCUSS MATTER WITH NATIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL OR OTHER REGULAR USAID CONTACTS. CROWN PRINCE'S THINKING IS NOT CLEAR TO US IN DETAIL. HOWEVER, IN GENERAL TERMS HE IS BASING PLANNING AND ANALYSIS ON PROPOSITION THAT REFUGEES SHOULD BE MOVED OUT OF CAMPS AND SETTLED IN PRODUCTIVE ROLES IN JORDANIAN ECONOMY--AS HE PUT IT, HE WANTS TO GET THEM OFF SUBSIDIES AND ON SELF-SUPPORTING BASIS. HE APPARENTLY REGARDS JORDAN VALLEY AS LIKELY AREA FOR RESETTLEMENT, ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT CLEAR EXTENT TO WHICH HE WOULD CONCENTRATE EFFORTS THERE.

3. IN EARLIER DISCUSSION WITH SIMMONS, PRINCE HASSAN SAID HIS STAFF IS PREPARING SOME SORT OF PRESENTATION ON SUBJECT OF REFUGEES FOR POTENTIAL USE ON TRIP TO US. HE INDICATED HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DRY RUN WITH SIMMONS WHEN IT WAS COMPLETED, SO WE ARE HOPEFUL WE WILL OBTAIN MORE DETAILED UNDERSTANDING OF PRINCE HASSAN'S THINKING BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR STATES.

4. WITH REFERENCE TO HIS TRIP HE HAS EXPRESSED DESIRE TO MEET WITH DEPUTY AID ADMINISTRATOR WILLIAMS. HE ALSO SAID HE HOPES TO MEET WITH MCNAMARA AT IBRD, SINCE HE IS CONCERNED THAT IBRD MAY BE REDUCING ITS INTEREST IN JORDANIAN DEVELOPMENT. WE UNDERSTAND HE IS ALSO MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO MEET WITH SEVERAL CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS. WHEN PRINCE HASSAN'S TRAVEL PLANS AND INTENTIONS BECOME SOMEWHAT CLEARER, WE WILL COMMUNICATE FURTHER WITH DEPARTMENT AND AID.
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